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NORWAY WILL NOT DISCUSS COMPROMISE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Stockholm, To-day.
King Haakon has instructed
M. Nygaardavold, the Norwegian
Premier, not to start any
conversations with Germany
should the Nazis desire to enter
into negotiations with the Norwegian
Government.—Havas.

N.E.I. THREAT

JAPANESE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Tokyo, To-day.
Hints of early possible Japanese action over the Netherlands East Indies were given this morning by the Japanese press and the Foreign Office spokesman — the first official statement on the matter.

They followed Foreign Minister Arita's statement yesterday in which he expressed concern about any situation that might bring about a change in the status quo.

The Foreign Office spokesman said the statement "is a prelude to Japanese action in the matter. At any rate we don't want to see the Dutch Indies fall into the Allies' hands."

The "Yomiuri Shimbun," commenting on the statement, says it is "merely the overture to action of Japan which will be taken pending further developments of the situation in the future."—Reuter.

America Might Move

Washington, To-day.
The possibility that the Republics of North and South America would move to establish a temporary protectorate over Dutch possessions in the Western Hemisphere should Hitler seize Holland, is seen by well-informed circles in Washington.

Persons close to the State Department believe the United States would not allow Germany to claim possession or sovereignty over Dutch possessions.

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NORWEGIAN CONFIDENCE

Stockholm, To-day.
"We are continuing to fight," concludes an address by the Norwegian Government broadcast from wireless stations still in Norwegian hands.
The message refers to assurances of military assistance from the Allied Powers and adds:
"We are confident that in co-operation with these countries we shall win back Norway for the Norwegian people."—Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY. AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF EVENTS LEADING TO THE GERMAN INVASION HAS BEEN IS- SUED BY THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT.

Dr. Brauer, the German Minister in Oslo, approached King Haakon with a request that the Norwegian Fascist leader, Quisling, be entrusted with the formation of a new Government.

King Haakon replied this was impossible but was willing to form a government willing to co-operate with the Reich, whereupon Dr. Brauer replied that the King could appoint the Ministers but Hitler wanted Quisling to be Premier and would not yield on this point.

The King declared he could not nominate a government not enjoying the people's confidence.

Dr. Brauer asked whether the King intended to resist the German demands by force.

King Haakon replied: "Yes, as long as it is possible." — Havas.

King Haakon "Outlawed"

Berlin, To-day.
King Haakon of Norway has been "outlawed" by the Reich Government as "a vassal of England."

B.E.F.'S TASK IN NORWAY

London, To-day.
The "Daily Telegraph" military correspondent, commenting on the landing of British troops in Norway, says it is unlikely the landings were opposed except possibly from the air.

One should not expect anything startling to happen at once, he declares.

It may be assumed that some of our landing places will have been chosen with a view to establishing air bases. Owing to the nature of the country, however, these bases may be for seaplanes only for the time being.

In some places small bodies of men may have been landed to make contact with Norwegian parties and to form nuclei on which Norwegian troops or volunteers can rally. Wherever any considerable force lands, it will be necessary to form a base and depots for supplies under the protection of a covering force. Establishment of anti-aircraft defences will be one of the first tasks.—Reuter.

WON'T BE CAUGHT BY SAME TRICK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

A Government communiqué says that Delfzyl, at the mouth of the Ems River, opposite the German port of Emden, will henceforth be submitted to special watch.

The measure aims at preventing the massing of "German merchant ships and seamen" there and a repetition of the methods German used in Norway.

The communiqué specifies that any ship over 440 tons entering Delfzyl from the Ems River must ask for a Dutch pilot and submit to the control of the Dutch navy; any ship trying to escape this control is exposed to danger of sinking. — Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST.—North-east winds, moderate; cloudy, improving.

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Brussels, To-day.

THE BRUSSELS PRESS generally features in glowing headlines the British naval successes.

Though many tributes are paid to the participants in the Narvik action, commentators seem even more impressed by the minelaying along the German Baltic ports and coast.

**STRAYS
ARRIVE AT
KIRUNA**Stockholm, To-day.
According to the "Aftonbladet" the Swedish military authorities at the iron ore centre of Kiruna reported that seven Germans, comprising four men of the navy and three merchant seamen arrived there on Sunday from Narvik.—Reuter.

"Pays Reel," in an article entitled "Honneur aux Anglais," writes: "Still more brilliant though more discreet is the minelaying in the German internal lake from Copenhagen to Memel.

"The mines may be swept but the fact that the Navy slipped through the network of German coast defences is stupendous. This action is one of the highest heroism."

THE REAL BLOCKADE
"Peuple" writes: "Germany is henceforth not only cut off from the North Sea but cannot navigate in her own lake. The real blockade is now beginning."

"Gazette de Charleroi" says: "The Allies have spontaneously, rapidly and effectively helped Norway despite the great intervening distance. They will help us if we are attacked in our turn even quicker because our country is nearer and they have guaranteed its integrity."—Reuter.

**SWEDISH
DEFENCES**Stockholm, To-day.
Swedish air raid precaution measures are being extended to cover most of the country.

On Sunday, Swedish anti-aircraft batteries, after firing warning shots, brought down a German plane which flew over the West Coast. Another Nazi plane landed, owing to petrol shortage, and its crew are now interned.—Reuter.

STATE OF PREPAREDNESSStockholm, To-day.
What is described as a "state of preparedness" against aerial attack has been proclaimed in certain parts of southern and western Sweden.
It will come into force to-day.—Reuter.**Many Arrests**Stockholm, To-day.
Official Swedish circles yesterday declared the country is prepared for all eventualities.

The Swedish police have arrested many undesirables and all ships entering Swedish harbours are being rigorously searched.—Reuter.

Oil Requisitioned

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.
Thorough military preparations are**GERMANY
AND ITALY**

Berlin, To-day.

It is announced that Prince Bismarck, at present head of the political department of the Foreign Office, has been appointed First Counsellor at the German Embassy in Rome, while the Second Counsellor at the Embassy, von Plessen, is given the rank of Minister.

The official German news agency comments: "The strengthening of our diplomatic representation in Rome is a new sign of the active co-operation of the two Axis powers and demonstrates the particular importance which Fascist Italy has in the foreign relations of the Reich."—Reuter.

continuing throughout Sweden, especially in the south, where powerful anti-aircraft guns have been placed in position.

All mineral oils are to be requisitioned by the Government, under a decree published last night.—Havas.

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Subtle Policy Of The Kremlin Leaders SPLENDID ISOLATION?

RUSSIAN APPROACHES IN LONDON ATTRACT ATTENTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THAT THE SOVIET IS pursuing a policy of "splendid isolation," aiming at avoiding the establishment of too close relations between Moscow and Berlin, is seen in the latest activity of the Soviet Ambassador in London, M. Ivan Maisky, although the subtle policy of the Kremlin leaders provides only faint hints of the immediate intentions of the Soviet rulers.

M. Maisky's repeated visits to the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, mainly were for the purpose of discussing the fate of the Soviet steamers Selen-ga and Vladimir Mayakovsky, seized in the vicinity of Hong Kong, but well-informed circles understand the real intention was to sound Britain on the possibility of resuming normal trade relations.

Although no definite indications of the Soviet's real "pacific" intentions are seen, general trend of the Soviet attitude of late shows that Moscow desires to make world opinion believe the Kremlin is scrupulously abiding by international treaties, as evidenced by the scrupulous execution of the terms of the Russo-Finnish treaty and the evacuation of Petsamo within the prescribed time.

The Soviet desire to maintain good relations with everybody is also seen in semi-official contacts with Washington and the Soviet request for American engineers, which is another indication of the Russian reluctance to become too much dependent on Germany, since technical assistance from German engineers would be cheaper and easier to get.

Guarantees Wanted

As regards Britain's reaction to the possibility of normalising relations with the Soviet, it is understood Lord Halifax has made it clear that Britain does not wish a further deterioration of her relations with the Soviet but she must have guarantees:

Firstly, that Russia will not seek further strategic advantages, and,

Secondly, that Russia will not provide Germany with stocks of raw materials and increase her exports to the Reich. — Havas.

NAZI PLANES DOWNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Reports from Goteborg state that two German planes were disabled over Swedish territory yesterday.

One was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire off Lyeskil; the second was forced to land at Marystad. The fifteen occupants were interned.

Meanwhile, the number of German ships anchored off Goteborg has increased. It is believed they came from the north following the Norwegian coast. — Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to move eastward; pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of the Bering and is relatively low to the north of Japan.

REVEALING DOCUMENTS PUBLISHED BY LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INTERESTING REVELATIONS of events leading to the invasion of Poland are given in the Report to the League of Professor Burckhardt, former High Commissioner in Danzig from Feb. 18, 1937 to Dec. 27, 1939.

Among documents annexed to the Report Prof. Burckhardt mentions Goering's and Hitler's assurances as regards Danzig, given respectively in June and September, 1937.

"Hitler then expressed his determination to maintain good relations with Poland; he said he did not want Danzig."

Another document records a talk between Prof. Burckhardt and Hitler on August 11, 1939.

"Hitler declared that if the Poles again attempted the slightest thing he would pounce on them like lightning with all the powerful arms at his disposal, to which the Poles had not the slightest answer.

"I said this would bring about a general conflagration.

NO SCRUPLES

"Hitler replied he preferred to make war to-day rather than to-morrow, and added he would have no scruples like the Kaiser but would fight ruthlessly.

"Hitler said he could rely on the Italian and Japanese alliances and added that the Russians lacked offensive strength." — Havas.

QUISLING DEPOSED

London, To-day.

The German-controlled Oslo radio announces that the Quisling puppet government has resigned and that the administration of German-occupied regions in Norway has been taken over by an "administrative committee" headed by Christensen, chief of the Oslo Municipal Council. — Reuter

ALLIED PURCHASES OF PLANES

Washington, Today.

According to Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, all obstacles to the sale of United States planes to the Allies were removed when the Anglo-French purchasing commission agreed "without reservation or complaint" to the United States Government's conditions for release of the latest types of aircraft.

Mr. Morgenthau declined to reveal the conditions but it is understood the Allies have agreed to pay at least part of the cost of research for developing the most recent models. — Reuter.

DIED ON WAY TO THE DOCTOR

Leung Ching-yam, of No. 54, Johnston Road, collapsed and died in Cross Street yesterday while he was on his way to a doctor.

FAR EAST MOVES FORESEEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY. THE "SAO TANG PAO," THE ARMY'S ORGAN, IN AN EDITORIAL SAYS: "IT IS OBVIOUS THAT JAPANESE AGGRESSION IN THE SOUTH SEAS MAY OCCUR IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SHOULD THE EUROPEAN WAR SPREAD FURTHER.

"We are doing our best in preventing the Japanese materialise their ambitions but, simultaneously, close co-operation between China and the Western Powers appears the only way for preserving the Asiatic status quo. "As regards Scandinavia, it is evident that the German Fleet will not be able to resist a combined Franco-British onslaught.

"Germany will probably invade Sweden and might also try to invade the Netherlands, Belgium and the Balkans." — Havas.

RUMANIAN BAN

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Government has decided to ban the export of wheat, but contracts already concluded or in the course of execution will not come under the ban.

Measures are also being taken to prohibit the export of sun-flower seeds, hitherto largely purchased by Germany.

The Governmental economic authorities have approved measures for building up reserves of coal, petrol and raw petroleum. — Reuter.

CRIME AND A MISTAKE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

MORALLY THE INVASION OF DENMARK WAS A CRIME; MILITARILY THE INVASION OF NORWAY WAS A MISTAKE, WRITES COLONEL REQUETTE, WELL-KNOWN BELGIAN MILITARY EXPERT, IN "VINGTIEME SIECLE."

Colonel Requette adds that for the first time the Germans have taken a decision which does not seem to have been dictated by the cold calculating strategy which has been characteristic of previous military decisions but by sheer passion. — Havas.

GERMANS REACH THE SWEDISH BORDER

Stockholm, To-day.

The Germans are reported to have reached the Norwegian/Swedish border at two points. — Reuter.



NAZI NAVAL LOSSES

Raeder Nearly Admiral Without A Navy

Significant Silence In Berlin Communiques

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"Admiral Raeder may soon find himself an Admiral without a Navy," comment semi-official circles in Paris, pointing out that so far at least 40 per cent. of the German Navy's total of ships in service has been put out of action.

The German communiques content themselves chiefly with making kindly reference to the valour of German seamen.

Italian sources confirm the news of the destruction of the 26,000-ton battleship Gneisenau.—Havas.

Usual Tactics

Berlin, To-day. The Germans are resorting to their usual tactics in order to cover up losses. The evening papers on Sunday contained allegations about defenseless German sailors at Narvik being shot at in the water.

The accounts did not say how the sailors came to be in the water—the Germans have not published anything about German losses at Narvik and merely mention that strong British forces are blockading the port.

A more intelligent attempt to prepare the Germans for bad news is made by the "Frankfurter Zeitung," which warns its readers that the British Navy is strong, and that when the attack comes it will be conducted with the firmest determination.

The paper says, however, that the air force is the really important factor and that the German Fleet has behind it the strongest air force in the world. The paper does not mention that half of the German Fleet has been sunk nor that the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm have already had remarkable successes in Norway.—Reuter.

1,500 Dead in Gneisenau

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day. Reports from the Swedish coast confirm that the Admiral Scheer has been torpedoed, one rumour, for which there is no confirmation, stating the pocket-battleship has sunk.

It is confirmed from Norway that when the Gneisenau was sunk the Nazis lost 1,500 men.

Scandinavian experts estimate the tonnage lost by Germany, not including the Admiral Scheer, as 30 per cent. of the total Fleet tonnage.—Havas.

Public Uninformed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day. The Berlin press has not yet informed the German public of the loss of more than one-third of the fleet of German destroyers at Narvik.

German official communiques mention the operations but declare that the British and German losses cannot yet be estimated.

The radio propaganda goes further, stating that the "British naval might was a myth. It is England, and not Germany, who was forced to withdraw her ports."—Havas.

Note of Jubilation Disappears

Amsterdam, To-day. The note of jubilation over the events in Norway has completely disappeared from the German press and efforts to prepare the public for the loss of Narvik are clearly perceptible. While official Nazi circles freely

BRITISH LANDING: NAZI COMMENT

Berlin, To-day. The claim that no Briton has touched Norwegian soil "at points occupied by German troops" is made in a German news agency report from Oslo.

The agency also claims to have learned from Narvik that Narvik is still in German hands.—Reuter.

ESTIMATE OF NAZI FLEET REMNANT

London, To-day. Now that more detailed reports are available of the naval action in Norwegian waters, it is possible to give a fair estimate of what part of the German Fleet as it existed at the beginning of the war is now left capable of action.

Authoritative London naval circles express the opinion that the effective strength of the German Fleet now consists of one battle cruiser,

possibly one pocket battleship, one light cruiser, 11 destroyers and half that number of U-boats.

Of her two battle cruisers, the Gneisenau has been claimed as sunk by the Norwegians and the Scharnhorst was seriously damaged by the Renown.

With the Graf Spee scuttled and the Admiral Scheer torpedoed, there only Deutschland left of the pocket-battleships and she has suddenly become the Lutwitz, leaving the former name to be given one of the new battleships recently launched.

At time of the announcement, the German practice of handing on the names of sunken ships to new vessels was recalled.

HIPPER CLASS

Of the two heavy cruisers, one later announced by the German Command as the Blucher has been sunk; but it is thought this announcement was probably made to cover the loss of Gneisenau and the Blucher or another Hipper Class vessel which has been sunk as well.

One light cruiser was sunk by Ursula in December, one was hit by a torpedo from Salmon in the same month in circumstances which raise a strong presumption that she sank, one was sunk by a submarine on April 9, one was hit by one bomb off Bergen on April 9, the Karlsruhe was sunk on April 10, one was hit by three bombs on April 10, leaving, probably, one of this type still serviceable.

Germany had 22 destroyers, of which 11 were definitely sunk, with a strong probability of two or three more.

TRANSPORT LOSSES

In the week April 8 to 14, nineteen German transport supply ships were destroyed and one of 8,514 tons and three trawlers been captured. Other transports have been bombed and at least 2 convoys torpedoed, but the precise details are as yet lacking.

It is probable that certain Nazi ships which were building at the beginning of the war are now in commission, but such naval strength as Germany had is gravely impaired.—British Wireless.

Danish agriculture would be deprived of motor power and would be unable to supply Germany.

Moreover, to come by this small store Germany has been involved in a campaign which is costing a heavy expenditure in petrol.

Incidentally, Germany is reported to be experiencing great difficulty obtaining Rumanian oil owing to the flooding of the Danube.—British Wireless.

OFF THE RECORD



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NORWAY'S LITTLE ARMY HARD PRESSED

Stockholm, To-day.

THE NORWEGIAN ARMY is fighting stubbornly to hold up the German drive towards the Swedish frontier north-west of Oslo.

The Germans are now believed to be six miles from Konigs vinger, and many hundreds of Norwegians have been killed in this sector, states the "Aftonbladet" correspondent at Konigs vinger.

Large concentrations of German troops are also reported in the region of Skarnes, 12 miles west of Konigs vinger and one of the key points on the Norwegian front. — Reuter.

Parachute Landings

London, To-day.

The Norwegian Government radio quoted by the Stockholm wireless, states that German parachute troops landed on Sunday near Dombass, the railway junction for the line from Oslo to Trondheim and the line from Aandalsnes. — Reuter.

Germans Score Local Successes

Stockholm, To-day.

Latest reports indicate the Germans are having considerable local successes in Norway.

Attention is focussed on the south-eastern front where the Germans are reported to have cut off several thousand Norwegians. The situation at Konigs vinger is considered critical.

The newspaper "Social Demokraten" estimates the Germans have at least 16,000 men in this sector, and the fall of the town is considered imminent despite Norwegian resistance.

Military circles, however, say these swift successes count for little unless there is a constant flow of reinforcements. Furthermore, it is pointed out that the Germans need heavy artillery and other supplies which cannot all be transported by air.

Evidence that the Germans are already faced with a fuel shortage is provided by the fact that the two planes which made forced landings in Sweden on Sunday did so owing to lack of petrol. — Reuter.

Violent Fighting

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Violent fighting has been taking place in the Skarnes region, where the Germans are operating with small detachments, says information from the Norwegian border.

The situation in the Worma region is not clear. — Hava.

German Forces In

Big Offensive In South

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

With reinforcements landed at southern Norwegian ports, the German troops are reported to be advancing east of Oslo towards the Swedish frontier, the Swedish press agency correspondent at Charlottenberg reports.

German motorised units are speed- ing towards Konigs vinger, while German parachute troops have landed at Dombass and destroyed the railway between Rauma and Aandalsnes before being dislodged by Norwegian troops.

Norwegian soldiers and civilians are

crossing into Sweden chased by the Germans who are advancing on Sennberg.

The Norwegians are successfully resisting in the north, destroying communications before the advancing Germans. — Hava.

Forced Over Frontier

London, To-day.

Yesterday's war-news from Norway reported that in the south-east, where the Germans are trying to widen their sphere of influence, 300 Norwegian troops crossed the Swedish frontier and were interned.

Seven German soldiers from Narvik crossed the Swedish frontier and are now interned. — Reuter.

Shock Tactics That Failed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

According to the Berlin correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung," German shock troops attacked the Norwegian lines at top speed in the hope of seizing King Haakon, but this expedition, consisting mainly of armoured cars, was stopped before reaching Norwegian headquarters.

The German column was submitted to deadly fire and not one armoured car returned to the German lines. — Hava.

German Claim

Berne, To-day.

The official German news agency claims that a Norwegian force numbering over 2,000 surrendered to German troops in the Christiansand region. — Reuter.

VOLUNTEER FORCES IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Reports from Norway state that Finnish and Swedish volunteers are now serving in the ranks of the Norwegian defenders.

Narvik is said to have been taken over by a British landing party.

The Germans appear to have about three Divisions in Norway, cut off from home and, therefore, supply and reinforcement bases except by air.

Sweden is concentrating heavy defence forces on the Norwegian border and all important ports are now in a state of defence. — Hava.

TO IMPOUND FUNDS?

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, announces the Treasury is studying the possibility of offsetting possible losses to American investors in Norway and Denmark by taking over Danish and Norwegian funds impounded here. — Reuter.

STAVANGER BOMBED AGAIN

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announce that "the reconnaissance of the Norwegian coast has continued throughout the day.

"Despite unfavourable weather conditions Stavanger aerodrome has again been bombed.

"Several sections of Air Force aircraft were engaged all of which returned safely."

"It was said in Gothenburg last night that at least two German seaplanes were sunk during yesterday's R.A.F. raid on Stavanger, which was made in a snowstorm.

Heavy bombs were dropped on the aerodrome. — Reuter.

MYSTERY RADIO CALL

New York, To-day.
The British steamer Craig (3,683 tons), which was yesterday reported to have been attacked by a submarine, is now said to be safe.

The Mackay Radio yesterday picked up an S.O.S. saying "submarine coming close" which was followed later by another message saying an attack had taken place.

Last night the Mackay Radio reported having heard a radio station—presumably Canadian—say the Craig's distress signal had been "all cleared up." — Reuter.

PEIPING CINEMA INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

The opening here on Saturday of the new Rome Cinema, owned by an Italian company, was marked by a series of incidents which have only just been settled.

The Chinese authorities, on the pretext that the cinema had not complied with the regulations for registration, sent police to prevent Chinese entering the performance.

Italian marines were sent for and quietly dispersed the Chinese police.

At the evening show, Chinese police, assisted by a few Japanese gendarmes, arrested many Chinese who were released late the same night.

The incident was settled when the Italian authorities pointed out to the local Chinese authorities that the cinema was located in recognised foreign territory. — Hava.

ADMIRAL SCHEER'S FATE

London, To-day.

In connection with the Admiral Scheer, hit by one, and possibly, two British torpedoes, naval observers in London are of the opinion that if she has not actually gone to the bottom she will certainly be out of use for some months.

The Graf Spee battle in the River Plate showed that a pocket-battleship has to sacrifice heavy armour. — Reuter.

HITLER'S FRANKNESS

Geneva, To-day.

Sensational utterances by Hitler to Dr. Burchardt, League Commissioner for Danzig, are the feature of the latter's report to the League, published yesterday.

On August 14 last Hitler told Dr. Burchardt he would not wage war like the Kaiser, "who always had scruples regarding the application of all means at his disposal."

Hitler said he was certain he could count on the Italian and Japanese alliances. — Reuter.

BELGIAN TRADE PACT WITH GERMANY

Brussels, To-day.

Economic negotiations between Germany and Belgium have reached a satisfactory conclusion, according to well-informed circles.

All major questions are said to have been settled and the majority of the German delegates have returned to Berlin. — Reuter.

WANG CHING-WEI AGENTS IN DANGER

Chungking, To-day.

The National Government has ordered the National Military Council to arrest all agents of Wang Ching-wei secretly active in various parts of the country. — Central News.

PATROL ACTIVITY IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Bad weather has held up air activity on the Western Front, but patrols have been active.

One French scouting party cut its way through the German barbed wire in the Alsace sector and penetrated deep into Germany before being engaged by the Germans.

There was a sharp encounter and the French fought their way back to their own lines after inflicting considerable losses.

West of the Vosges, a German attempt at a raid was repulsed with machine-gun fire. — Reuter.

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

Paris, To-day.
Last night's French communists said there were sharp local engagements, one to the east of the Vosges and the other at the frontier of the Palatinat, between French communists and two of our reconnaissance parties. — Reuter.

MORE THAN WORDS

President Roosevelt's Pan-America Speech

Force With Force, If The Challenge Is Ever Given

"THE CO-OPERATIVE PEACE OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WAS NOT CREATED BY WISHING, AND WILL REQUIRE MORE THAN WORDS TO MAINTAIN IT," DECLARED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT YESTERDAY IN AN ADDRESS TO THE PAN-AMERICAN UNION HERE.

"We have only asked the world to go with us in the path of peace. But we shall be able to keep that way only if we are prepared to meet force with force, if the challenge is ever given."

Earlier in his speech President Roosevelt said that what happened in the Old World directly and powerfully affected the peace and well-being of the New.

It was for this reason that they had adopted procedure enabling them to meet any eventuality.

"At Lima we agreed to stand together and defend and maintain the absolute integrity of every American nation from any attack, direct or indirect, from beyond the seas.

"At Panama we worked out ways and means for keeping war away from this hemisphere.

POSITIVE VALUES

"I pray God we shall not have to do more than that but should it be necessary I am convinced we should be wholly successful."

"The inner strength of a group of free people is irresistible when they are prepared to act."

"I affirm that life must be based on positive values. The value of love will always be stronger than the value of hate, since any nation or group of nations which employs hatred is eventually torn to pieces by the hatred within itself."

"The value of a belief in humanity is always stronger than the value of a belief in force, because force at last turns inward, and if that occurs, each man or group of men is finally compelled to measure his strength against his own brother."

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

President Roosevelt at the outset said that peace between the American nations remained secure owing to the instruments they had created embodying in great measure the principles on which an enduring peace must be based throughout the world.

Peace reigned in the Western Hemisphere because each nation agreed to respect the integrity and independence of others, because they agreed, as neighbours should, to mind their own business, and renounced the right to interfere in each other's domestic affairs, because they agreed to settle any dispute by friendly negotiation rather than by force.

Peace reigned because they recognised the principle that only through mutually beneficial international and economic relations could each have adequate access to materials and opportunities necessary to raising the level of the economic well-being of peoples.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER

"We of this hemisphere do not need to seek a new international order; we have already found it."

"This wasn't done by hysterical outcries or violent movements of troops."

"We didn't stamp out nations, capture governments or uproot innocent people from their homes."

"We didn't invent absurd doctrines of race supremacy or claim dictatorship through universal revolution."

—Reuter.

GRAVE ATMOSPHERE

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt's demeanour in delivering his speech to the Pan-American Conference yesterday was grave.

Equally grave was his audience, which included the diplomatic representatives of Britain, France, China, Australia, Finland, and 21 American Republics.

Nations not represented included Germany, Russia, Japan, Italy, Norway, Sweden, the Netherlands and Denmark. —Reuter.

KEEPING OUT OF WAR

Washington, To-day.

"I hope and think we are going to keep out of war," Admiral Stark told the Senate naval committee yesterday testifying on the proposed \$65,000,000 Naval Expansion Bill.

Admiral Stark said in the past the United States had entered every war unprepared but lack of preparation had never deterred the American people from deciding on war when they felt the necessity for it, now were they likely to be so deterred in future.

It certainly seems essential to-day, very much more than in 1922, to support at least a 5/5/3 ratio, he added. —Reuter.

ITALY BEGINNING A CAMPAIGN

Rome, To-day.

SIGNOR GAYDA, IN AN article last night which can be regarded as expressing the official Italian view, accuses France of pursuing an anti-Italian policy since the Treaty of Versailles.

He adds that France, which is poorer in man-power than Italy, possessed liberty of action in both the Atlantic and Mediterranean, whereas the centre of Italian life is the Mediterranean.

France's policy and positions in

ROOSEVELT BLUNTNESSESS APPLAUSED

New York, To-day. The "New York Times" in an editorial supports President Roosevelt's blunt condemnation of the German action in Scandinavia.

"American neutrality," says the paper, "does not imply a cowardly silence in the face of a brutal invasion of small countries."

"The President expressed the feelings of an overwhelming majority of our people."

The editorial, commenting on the Scandinavian merchant marine, says: "Hitler has generously handed back to the Allies more than all of their merchant shipping tonnage sunk by German submarines and mines since the start of the war." —Reuter.

U.S. TO TAKE GREENLAND?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHICAGO, TO-DAY. EXTENSION OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE TO GREENLAND IS FIRMLY ADVOCATED BY MR. FRANK KNOX, PUBLISHER OF THE "CHICAGO DAILY NEWS."

The United States should co-operate in any temporary annexation of Greenland by Canada or Newfoundland, he says.

Another possibility would be for the United States to take over the sovereignty of Greenland until the end of the war. —Havas.

BRITISH DIPLOMATIC DRIVE

London, To-day. The conversations between British Ministers in the Balkans and Foreign Office officials ended last evening and the Ministers are expected to return to their posts within a few days.

The conversations have given satisfaction in the various departments concerned and the way is now open for a British drive to strengthen the existing links between the peoples of the Balkans and the Western Democracies.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S LOSS AT NARVIK

London, To-day. By the British occupation of Narvik the Germans are deprived of about one-quarter of their total ore supplies but their loss is even greater than this, stated a prominent iron and steel expert yesterday.

The expert told Reuter that since the war began the total effective iron-making resources of Germany had been cut by a full half.

They must have rich ore from Scandinavia to mix with their own low-grade mineral to permit the operation of the basic Bessemer or Thomas process, which is the foundation of their steel industry in normal times.

The expert said the Germans have only one way of countering the Narvik blow and that is by the ruthless collection of scrap, even to the point of disorganising general industry by lifting secondary railway lines and pulling down structures.—Reuter.

SLEEPLESS THROUGH STOMACH PAINS

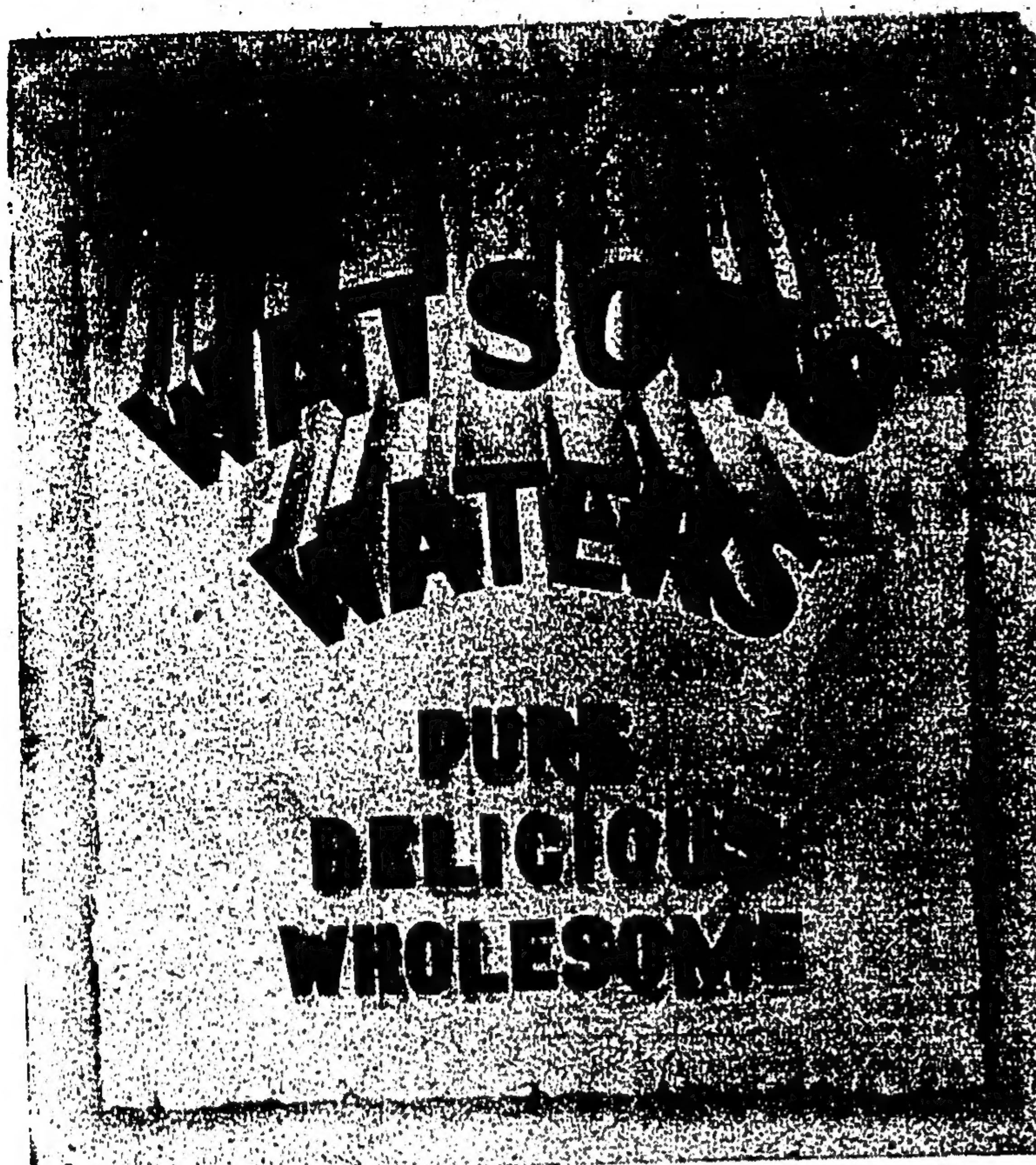
Every stomach sufferer knows that a disordered digestion brings many other troubles in its train. Loss of appetite, weakness and malnutrition, "nerves," these often arise from some form of stomach trouble, and won't go until the stomach itself is put right.

In the case of Mr. W.R. sleeplessness was one of the worries his stomach trouble brought him. He writes: "I feel I must let you know how I came to hear of your wonderful Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. One night at my father-in-law's house I told him I had had no sleep for the last six months, owing to pains in my stomach and heartburn. He told me to try Maclean Brand Stomach Powder, and gave me a little. I laughed, and told him I had tried everything, and nothing had stopped my indigestion and heartburn. Anyway, I tried, and it gave me instant relief. It is a marvel. I wish I had known about it sooner."

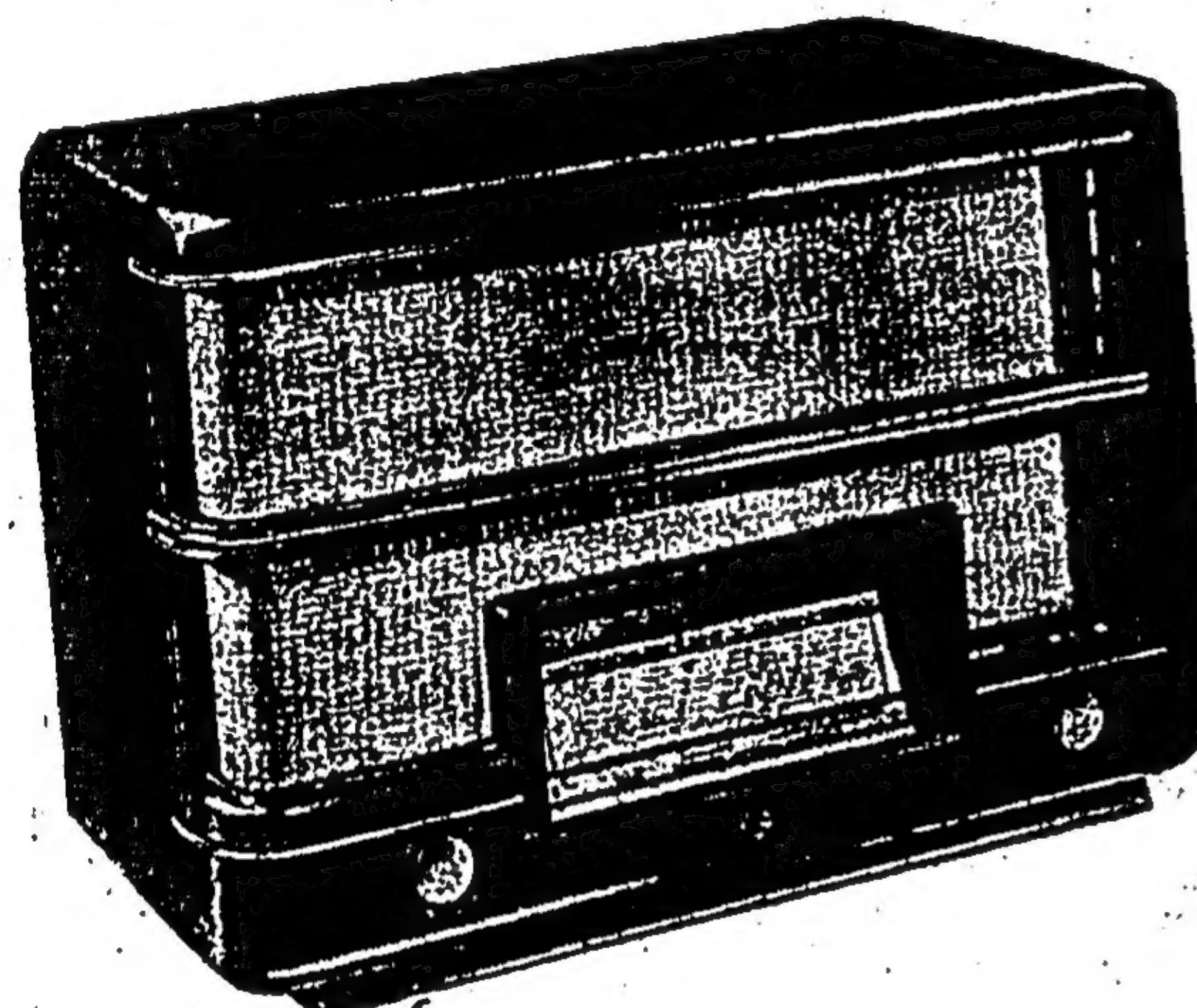
If you have been discouraged like the writer of that letter, by your failure to get rid of your stomach trouble, whether slight or serious, let nothing prevent you trying the famous remedy that has brought relief to so many. Get a bottle of MACLEAN BRAND Stomach Powder, which is only genuine with the signature "ALEX. C. MACLEAN" on bottle and carton.

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CEASELESS R.A.F.
ACTIVITY IN
NORWAY

London, To-day.

OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUES issued by the Air Ministry during last week did not convey the full extent of the work of the R.A.F.

Reconnaissances have been conducted day and night and every Norwegian fjord which could possibly shelter an enemy craft has been examined.

While the navy has been exerting itself with the splendid results already known in the northernmost parts of the Norwegian Coast, it is to the south of Bergen that patrols of the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm have given their most valuable service.

Here it is, too, that enemy transports and ammunition ships have been attacked.

At the same time as the aircraft of the Coastal Command were scouring the northern seas to locate those German naval vessels which have thus far escaped destruction by the Royal Navy, long-range fighters were attacking aerodromes in Southern Norway to which the invader has been carrying troop reinforcements.

Much damage has been done to assembled enemy aircraft and successful attacks have also been made on enemy seaplanes at anchor in the Fjords.

So far there has been no opportunity of direct air attack against the enemy air transports.

These are convoyed by large numbers of fighters and would have to be engaged by numbers, approaching their own, but which would be operating at many times the distance from their bases of the German machines.

FRUITFUL EMPLOYMENT

For the present, more fruitful employment is available for the air forces employed on the Allied side for operations in the north.

R.A.F. reconnaissance flights over Northern Germany are, of course, proceeding as usual and valuable information has been brought back from recent flights. While no information is yet available, it may be assumed that R.A.F. patrols co-operated in the landings effected by British forces.

It is understood that the losses suffered by the R.A.F. in these operations over Norway at a great distance from home bases have been surprisingly low when all the relevant factors are taken into account. — British Wireless.

SWEDEN
IMPRESSED

Stockholm, To-day.

News of the landing of British troops in Norway has caused a sensation in Sweden.

The speed of the operation, considering the natural difficulties of the coastline, has made a deep impression, and everyone is asking how the British have been able to establish bases on the coast—and where.

Narvik is thought to be too far north and it is believed the troops must have landed much further south in order to provide the urgently required assistance.

The gravest concern is felt here in regard to the situation in Norway and hopes are expressed that the British have been able to land in time effectively to hold up the Nazi invasion. — Reuter.

OPPOSITION LEADERS
AT NUMBER TEN

London, To-day. Mr. G. R. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, and Mr. Greenwood, Deputy Leader, called on the Prime Minister at No. 10, Downing Street yesterday afternoon. — British Wireless.

CANADIANS
TO MOUNT
GUARD

London, To-day.

Detachments of the first Canadian Division will march through London to-day and on Saturday when the Royal 22nd French Canadian Regiment and the Toronto Scottish arrive to take over a short period of guard duties at the Royal Palaces.

Each unit is sending about eighty men, all those chosen for duty at Buckingham Palace being six feet tall.

The bands of the Grenadier Guards and the Welsh Guards will attend the Mounting of the Guard ceremonies and the pipe band of the Toronto Scottish will be augmented by that of the Scots Guards.

Apart from their guard duties, the Canadians will furnish a Sergeant from each unit to serve as Orderlies to the King and two others from each regiment will be detailed as cyclists to the King. — British Wireless.

JAPANESE TRUST
COMPANY INVESTMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese trust companies were accommodated with 8,800,000,000 yen in funds for industrial equipment from September, 1937, to the present time, the Finance Minister indicated at the general meeting of the Trust Association yesterday.

The Minister pointed out that despite huge investments the demand for industrial capital was steadily increasing as construction and reconstruction work in Japan, Manchukuo and China develops. — Havas.

ELECTRIFICATION
IN TURKEY

London, To-day.

An Istanbul message states that the Turkish Government has decided to entrust the general electrification of the country to British firms.

A contract for the construction of the first central electricity station at Chatalagazi, in the coalbearing basin of Heraclea, has been signed. — British Wireless.

STOCK MARKET QUIET

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was quietly firm yesterday with prices in most sections tending to improve despite the paucity of business.

Final payment on the new 3 per cent. war loan was made yesterday. Over £100,000,000 changed hands but without any disturbance to the money market, adequate preliminary arrangements having been previously made in order to facilitate operations.

Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

ITALIAN FLEET ON WAR FOOTING (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Italian naval manoeuvres which started yesterday practically place the Fleet on a war footing.

Furthermore, Italian industry, which has accepted all orders placed by the Allies, now seems reluctant to do so.

These facts are interpreted by diplomatic circles as signs that Italy is preparing "for every eventuality."

The country has, however, been greatly impressed by Norway's resistance and by the statement of King Haakon, who has family ties with the Italian Royal Family.

It is still thought that Italy will not alter her stand now, but will await developments in the Balkans. — Havas.

Paris, To-day.

ITALIAN NAVAL MOVES

Rome, To-day.

Reports were current yesterday that the First and Second Italian naval squadrons started Spring exercises yesterday.

Official quarters stated last night that no information was available about ships' movements.

Actually both squadrons have been on partial manoeuvres since the middle of March.

Apparent extent of the present manoeuvres is a cruise to Durazzo by the First Squadron and from Spezia to Gaeta and round Sicily by the Second Squadron.

In diplomatic circles it is felt that the movements should be regarded as a measure to assist Germany by warning the Allies that the Mediterranean cannot be depleted of naval units to reinforce those in the North Sea. — Reuter.

FINE FEAT BY B.E.F.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

WHILE EVERYONE IS ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR MORE NEWS ABOUT THE BRITISH TROOPS IN NORWAY, SEMI-OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN LONDON POINT OUT THAT TO LAND AN ARMY FAR FROM HOME IN SUCH A WILD COUNTRY IN WHICH THE ENEMY IS ALREADY HOLDING THE CHIEF POINTS IS A VERY HAZARDOUS ENTERPRISE.

Without command of the seas, Hitler may well find it to be a suicidal enterprise. In that respect, the Allied task is easier.

Against that, however, the British troops will probably find stronger opposition in the Germans than the latter did, for the Norwegians, in addition to being taken by surprise, also found internal foes.

Furthermore, the British troops are liable to attack from the air, a danger which comes not only from Germany but also from German air bases in Norway itself. Here, the R.A.F. is once more proving its value, as witness the attacks on Stavanger aerodrome. — Reuter.

At Several Points"

London, To-day. So far, the only news about the British landing in Norway is contained in the 10 words of the Joint Admiralty/War Office communiqué, reading:

"British troops have now landed at several points in Norway."

This, however, is sufficient to show that in addition to the brilliant feats at Narvik, Allied operations have been far more widespread.

Besides Narvik, towns seized by the Germans included Bergen, Stavanger and Trondheim on the west coast, and Oslo and towns in the Skager Rak.

The British troops may or may not have been landed at or near the same points.

The communiqué is the first definite news that we are redeeming the pledge to help Norway with all our resources. That pledge was given fresh point in a message broadcast:

"British soldiers are coming to assist the gallant-Norwegian people," the message read. "Help them by every means in your power. If you know where the Germans are, tell the British. If they require food, feed them. If they require shelter, give it to them. If a soldier wants a lift, take him to his destination.

"Pass on the word to as many people as possible." — Reuter.

Lofoten Islands

Paris, To-day.

"Le Temps" says that the Lofoten Islands (opposite Narvik) are one of

Expected For Days

London, To-day.

The announcement in the laconic communiqué yesterday afternoon that "British Forces have now landed at several points in Norway," is prominently displayed in the evening newspapers.

The announcement which had been expected hourly by the public is enthusiastically welcomed.

The "Evening News" says editorially that it is what the world had been waiting for ever since Germany attacked Norway and adds, "Britain and France have fulfilled their pledges to give swift assistance to Norway in her resistance. Prompt help will bring encouragement to the Norwegians and have a tremendous effect on their morale." — British Wireless.

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LUXEMBURG TAKES PRECAUTIONS

Luxemburg, To-day.

A police regulation was issued yesterday forbidding groups of over three people in the streets after nightfall.

Any meetings in private places in which foreigners principally participate must be notified to the police beforehand.

Civil Guards were recently established in Luxemburg and these now help to guard public buildings and streets during the night. — Reuter.

LEGATION STAFF REACHES HOME

London, To-day.

Members of the British Legation and the consulate staffs in Denmark, including the British Minister, arrived in England last night. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

Mr. Gray, the new United States Minister to Eire, presented his credentials to the Premier, Mr. de Valera, yesterday. — Reuter.

BELGIUM CALLS UP 1940 CLASS EARLY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

A second contingent of the 1940 Army class was called up suddenly yesterday.

Scheduled calling-up date was July 1. — Havas.

CAPTURE OF NARVIK BY BRITISH

London, To-day.

News of the British capture of Narvik and the surrounding country was broadcast to the Norwegian people by the B.B.C. in a message in the Norwegian news bulletin last evening. — Reuter.

GERMAN WARNING TO SHIPPING

Berlin, To-day.

The official German wireless last evening repeatedly broadcast an "important navigation warning."

It stated "It must be reckoned that all lights and beacons on the southern coast of Sweden will be extinguished." — Reuter.

MRS. TWEEDIE DEAD

London, To-day.

Mrs. Alec Tweedie, authoress and artist, died yesterday. — Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

A Government decree requisitions all mineral oils in Sweden. — Reuter.



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TIENTSIN SILVER QUESTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.
AUTHORITATIVE BRITISH CIRCLES DECLARE THAT THE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN SIR ROBERT CRAIGIE AND THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE QUESTION OF THE SILVER STOCKS IN TIENTSIN ARE CONTINUING IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE.

The exchange of views, it is stated, leads to the hope that the position will be clarified.

Conversations are proceeding simultaneously between Britain and the Chungking Government. — Havas.

ITALIANS KEPT IN THE DARK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.
The Italian press continues to play up what it calls "German successes in the North" with the evident aim of making people believe the Germans have gained a brilliant victory over the Allies.

Norwegian resistance is minimised and nothing is said about King Haakon's attitude.

Some papers also announce "German victories on the western front." — Havas.

OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
Officials are silent on the subject of the talks between British envoys in the Balkans and the Foreign Office, but insist on their major importance owing to recent developments.

The British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir William Seeds, is remaining on leave, while the other envoys are returning to their posts. — Havas.

GOVERNMENT MEETS IN SECRET PLACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.
The Finnish radio announces that the Norwegian Government met yesterday "somewhere in Norway" in the presence of King Haakon and Crown Prince Olaf.

The Defence Minister reported on the military situation and all questions relating to the present position were discussed. — Havas.

DUTCH PROTESTS TO NAZIS AND ALLIES

Amsterdam, To-day.
The Dutch Government is protesting in London, Paris and Berlin over flights alleged to have been made over Dutch territorial waters by British, French and German planes.

Dutch anti-aircraft batteries went into action and planes went up. — Reuter.

DUFF COOPER'S VIEW

When he sailed from New York for England, Mr. Duff Cooper was asked if he thought there was a possibility of current peace move succeeding.

"I do not think so," he replied. "Hitler made it quite plain that he won't make peace until he destroys the British Empire."

NO. 80, PALL MALL

There is a big bare room behind the sand-bagged entrance to No. 80, Pall Mall, S.W., where all day long there is a murmur of talk in a dozen languages, and an ever-present smell of hot sealing wax.

The talk and the sealing wax are an important contribution to Britain's war-time security. For "No. 80" is the department which censors every scrap of paper and every photograph which travellers from Britain want to take abroad with them.

Eleven men and eight women, proficient between them in every European language and a few more besides, work there.

Their job is to question would-be travellers about documents, family albums, books, trade reports, and other seemingly innocent papers which they have sought permission to take with them out of the country.

Presiding over their activities is Brigadier M. L. A. Gompertz, distinguished both as a soldier and as an author.

ELABORATE SEALING

"You would be surprised how many people are travelling to and from Britain just now," he said. "Last week 1,000 people received exit permits. Of that number 146 came to us for permission to take out articles which come under the regulations."

When a bundle, despatch case, or suit-case full of papers has been passed for conveyance abroad, it is sealed with wax.

A metal cone, like a cook's icing bag, drips hot wax on to the package and seals are pressed on to it. Envelopes are sealed along every seam. Suit-cases are wrapped up and sealed all over.

The majority of people get through the necessary formality in about ten minutes. They are given a permit to show at the port of embarkation.

There are offices similar to "No. 80" at Liverpool and Glasgow.

BIG BATTLE EXPECTED IN NORWAY

New York, To-day.
The landing of British troops in Norway is expected to result in the first serious land combats of the War. — Reuter.

By George McManus



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UNKNOWN HERO IN KOWLOON CITY FIRE

The presence of mind of a Chinese in a panicky crowd, trapped in a blazing building saved twenty lives this morning.

The 20 people were trapped in a house, opposite the Green Island Cement Works in Matauwei Road, Kowloon City, which was gutted by fire.

According to Chief Inspector M. H. Hourihan, who hurried to the scene, the fire broke out in the top floor of a three-storeyed building at 6.30 a.m. to-day.

Within a few minutes the fire spread to the first and second floors enveloping the whole building.

PRESENCE OF MIND

The occupants of the first and second floors managed to escape to the street, but the 20 inmates of the top floor were trapped.

A Chinese, whose name was not disclosed, managed to control the panicky crowd and with some iron bars started making a hole in one of the side walls in the verandah.

Through the hole the twenty people crept to the adjoining building and escaped down the stairs assisted by the neighbours.

No one was injured.

The fire brigade played hoses on the adjoining buildings to prevent the fire from spreading to the other buildings.

The fire was under control within 15 minutes of the arrival of the fire engines.

DENMARK AND FOOD SITUATION

London, To-day.

Further indication of the likely effects of the invasion of Denmark on the British food situation was given by a Ministry of Food official yesterday.

Britain has sufficient supplies of butter and bacon in cold storage to remove any anxiety in the immediate future. Moreover, production overseas has well started, especially in Canada, and imports from Eire and other parts of the Empire have increased.

The position in the more distant future will necessarily be affected by the shipping position and it cannot be expected that it will be possible to replace 100 per cent supplies which are cut off from the Scandinavian countries.

Nevertheless, the Food Ministry is confident there will be ample supplies of these commodities arriving from overseas which, with home production, will be sufficient to keep the public and the Services in full health and vigour.—Reuter.

P'RAPS P'RAPS NOT

Shanghai, To-day. Ill-feeling between the Wang Keh-min clique (formerly the Peiping Provisional Government) and Wang Ching-wei's "government" at Nanking still exists.

Yesterday certain local Chinese organisations received propaganda leaflets purporting to have been sent by Wang Keh-min's agents, branding Wang Ching-wei as a traitor.

Wang Ching-wei is accused of setting up his government and using the term "peace" for the purpose of "selling the country." — Our Own Correspondent.

DANES TO BE TREATED AS NEUTRAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, To-day. IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY STATED THAT THE DANISH MINISTER IN LONDON WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE STATUS OF MINISTER FOR ICELAND.

Danish ships will not be allowed to navigate as Icelandic ships but must fly the Allied flag and will be restored to Denmark at the end of hostilities.

The position of Danes in Britain has not yet been fixed but they will probably be treated as other neutrals except for prominent Nazi sympathisers.—Havas.

"FAILURE OF A MISSION"

London, To-day.

Sir Nevile Henderson's account of his two years as British Ambassador in Berlin was published yesterday in book form, entitled "Failure of a Mission."

In it, Sir Nevile (who left Berlin on September 3, 1939) describes how he went to Germany convinced that the peace of Europe depended on understanding between Britain and Germany; he recalls his constant attempts to win the confidence and sympathy of the Nazis.

His conclusion is:—"Hitler never intended the ultimate end to be anything other than war." — Reuter.

HIT-AND-RUN VICTIM

Suffering from serious head injuries, a 26-year-old Chinese, Kwong King, was picked up in a street near the Kowloon City Police Station yesterday evening.

The injured man is now lying in a serious condition in the Kowloon Hospital.

It is believed that the man was knocked down by a hit-and-run motorist.

"VOICE AND HEART OF THE WORLD"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Montevideo, To-day. "The hour is close when our continent will become the voice and heart of the world," declared the President of Uruguay in a speech lauding Pan-American unity on the occasion of the 51st anniversary of the Pan-American Union yesterday.—Havas.

BELGIAN ROUND-UP OF SUSPECTS

Paris, To-day. According to a Brussels telegram, following a meeting of the Belgian Cabinet, which examined measures for the security of the state, and particularly the problem of foreigners residing in Belgium, it was decided to establish concentration camps at Ruysselde for the internment of suspected aliens. — Reuter.

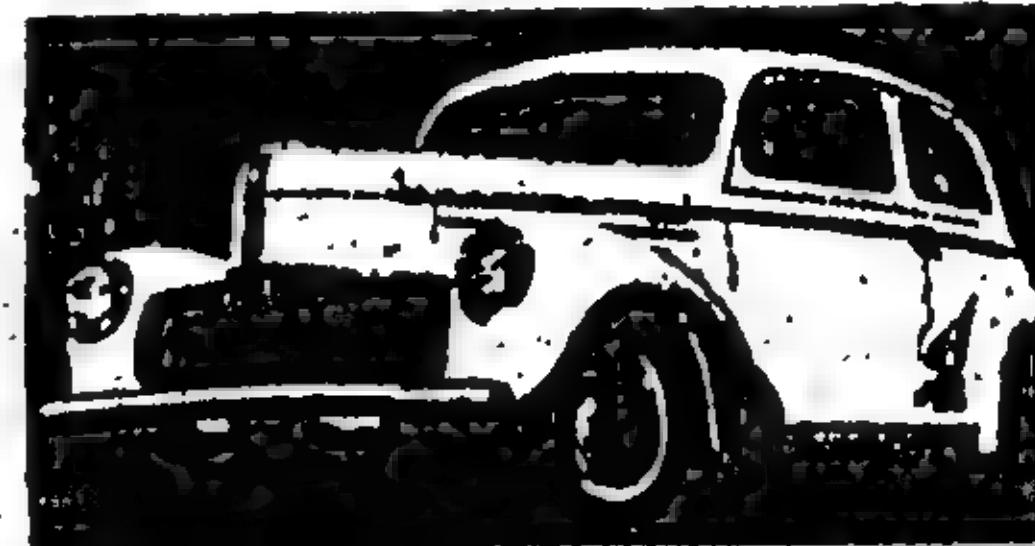
MR. CHAMBERLAIN MAY MAKE STATEMENT

London, To-day. It was learned last night that it is not yet certain that Mr. Chamberlain will make a statement in the House of Commons to-day on the British landing in Norway. — Reuter.

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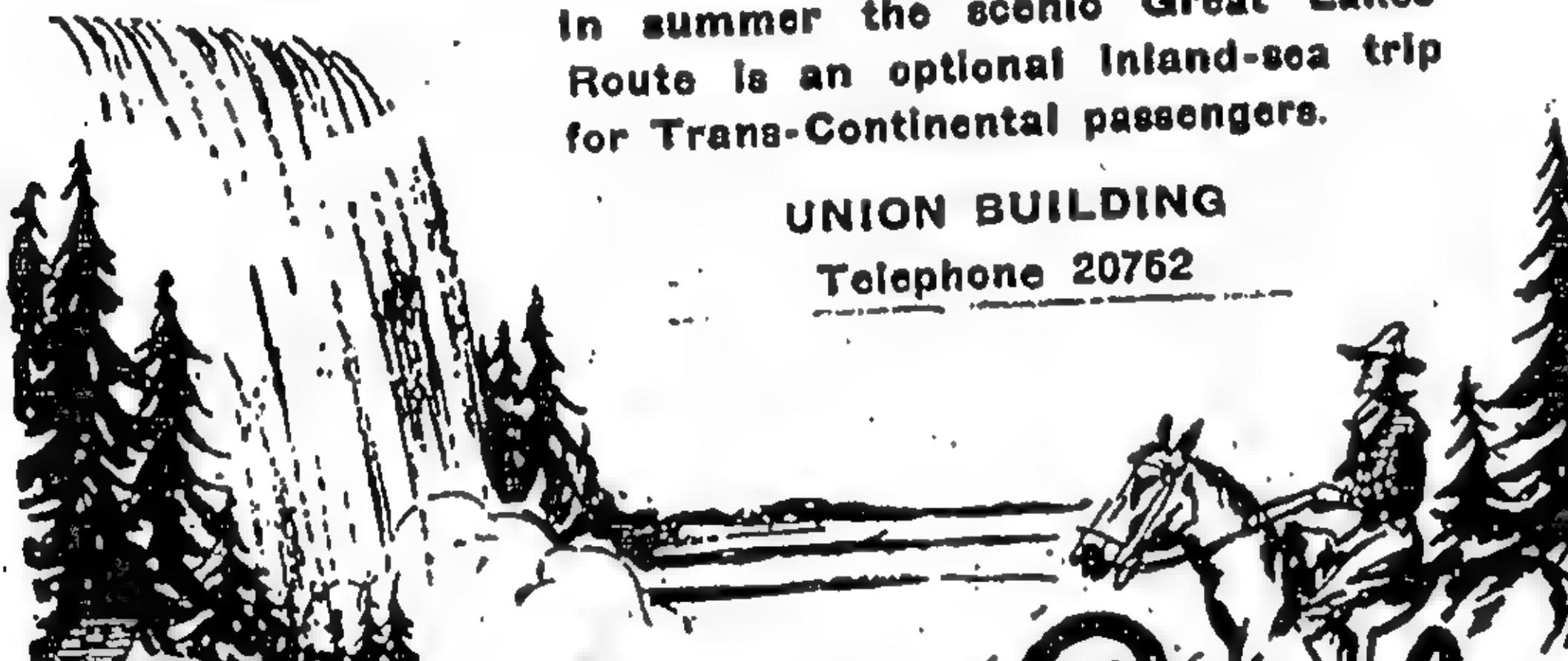
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INDISCRIMINATE BOMBING OF BRITAIN: WARNING

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

DELIBERATE GERMAN AIR BOMBARDMENT OF BRITISH TOWNS WAS BEING HINTED AT BY NAZI OFFICIALS IN BERLIN YESTERDAY.

Excuse for the action would be the bombing of Bergen by the Royal Air Force which was alleged in a German communiqué on Sunday.

The "Handelsblad" correspondent in Berlin says: "An answer has been promised, so reports of the bombing of some English towns are to be expected."

This is the latest move in the campaign to build up for the Allies a reputation for "frightfulness."

Last week there were veiled threats of reprisals for the alleged bombing of a railway station in Schleswig-Holstein, and yesterday the Nazi papers worked up further indignation about the alleged machinegunning by the British Navy of German sailors swimming helplessly in Narvik harbour. — Reuter.

"MAKINGS OF WAR IN PACIFIC"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

"The Shanghai elections may seem a very tiny square in a small teapot.

"Actually it may be the initial makings of a war in the Pacific," says the "New York Herald-Tribune" in an editorial.

Continuing, the paper says: "The Japanese spokesmen hasten to say they will have the votes next year and can afford to wait. But will the Army wait?"

The paper then foresees a demand for the retrocession of the Settlement through the puppet regime at Nanking and rejection of the demand by the British and American Governments.

The situation deserves careful watching, the paper concludes. — Havas.

GERMANY'S MERCHANT SHIPPING LOSSES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
 SHIPPING CIRCLES ESTIMATE THAT GERMANY, MOST OF WHOSE MERCHANT FLEET HAS BEEN IMMOBILISED IN HOME AND NEUTRAL PORTS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR, HAS NOW LOST MORE THAN HALF THE TONNAGE OF WHICH GREAT BRITAIN, WITH SHIPS ALWAYS AT SEA, HAS BEEN DEPRIVED BY GERMAN SEA WARFARE.

British losses amount to 172 vessels, with a total tonnage of just over 667,000 tons.

Before the Norwegian venture Germany had lost 64 vessels, aggregating 189,651 tons.

To-day a conservative estimate puts her losses at 92 vessels, representing 370,000 tons, to which can probably be added eight other German ships torpedoed in convoy with unknown results. — Reuter.

TWO NAZI SHIPS RUN INTO MINEFIELD

Gothenburg, To-day.
 Two German cargoboots are stated to have struck mines yesterday off Marstrand; both were badly damaged. — Reuter.

EQUIVOCAL ATTITUDE IN ITALY

Rome, To-day.

The Italian press is adopting an equivocal attitude towards the war in the North, most of the papers showing considerable ingenuity in trying to present a picture favourable to Germany and unfavourable to the Allies.

At the same time, there is the reminder that the "great German victory" is not yet decisive. — Reuter.

IN AUDIENCE

London, To-day.

Mr. R. J. Campbell, British Minister at Belgrade, and Mr. George Renard, British Minister at Sofia, who were called to London for consultations with the Government, had audiences of the King at Buckingham Palace yesterday afternoon. — British Wireless.

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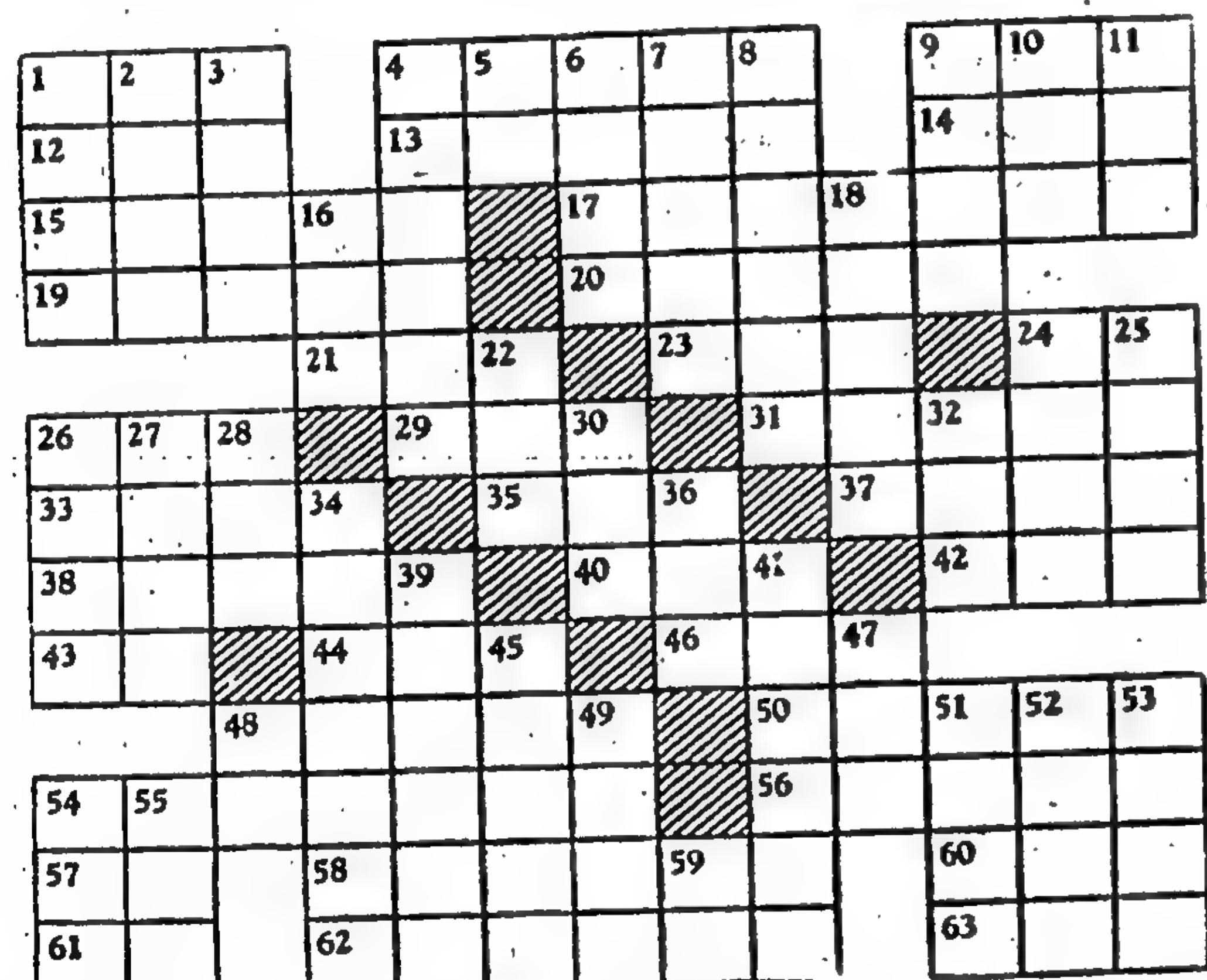
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- Fish
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- Taste
- Brace
- Label
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- Dirk
- Moccasin
- Number
- Curatives
- Relation (coll.)
- Cleaning utensil
- Sediments
- Wind of type

VERTICAL

- False distribution of cards
- Coronet
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- To last
- Photometric unit
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- Cubic meters
- Worm
- Stalk
- Sacred language
- Opera by Verdi
- To receive confession
- Preposition
- Nights before
- Strange
- Stone-enclosing fruits
- Municipality
- Hall
- Insane
- Ostrich-like bird
- Arctic
- Music: high
- Cupola
- Persia
- Babylonian deity
- Prepares leather
- To fasten
- To drink
- Abyss
- Lives
- School of whales
- Quiet
- Portuguese national legislature
- Furlong
- Hawaiian food
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- Married woman (abbr.)
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JAPANESE SHORTAGE OF SHIPS

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TOKYO, TO-DAY. AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE WAR TO DENMARK AND NORWAY WILL FURTHER AGGRAVATE THE JAPANESE SHORTAGE OF SHIPS, POINTING OUT THAT NUMEROUS DANISH AND NORWEGIAN SHIPS WERE CHARTERED BY JAPANESE INTERESTS.

A movement is already afoot for the transfer of ocean liners, aggregating 50,000 tons, from ocean routes to coastal Asiatic trades. A decision to this effect was taken by the Shipping Control Committee, the "Japan Chronicle" reports.

Other measures advised by the Committee were notably for the changing of route schedules, facilitating ships' repairs and chartering of more neutral ships.

The shortage will not disturb the transport of goods at least till April or May, the Committee declared.—Havas.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA'S BIT

London, To-day.

The loneliest island in the British Empire — Tristan da Cunha — has sent a parcel of comforts for the troops.

The parcel took six months to get to England!

It contains 50 articles, mostly socks, pullovers and scarves knitted by the women of the island.—Reuter.

*** A group of islands some 1,500 miles south-south-west of St. Helena, almost midway between Capetown and Buenos Aires, Tristan da Cunha has a population of only about 150 people.

WAR BROUGHT CINEMA TO THIS VILLAGE

The war has done Staplehurst (Kent) children a good turn.

Previously their nearest cinema was eight miles away. Now they have one in the village—in a barn in the grounds of fourteenth century Spilsill Court, home of Miss Christine Knowles, O.B.E.

Here, for twopence, they and evacuated children may see a good show complete with a Mickey Mouse cartoon.

CANTEEN FOR PARENTS

A canteen for parents visiting evacuated children, and a children's library, are other amenities sponsored by Miss Knowles—Staplehurst's fairytale godmother, to whom the villagers invariably go when in need of help.

During the last war Miss Knowles founded the second largest private organisation for caring for British prisoners of war in Germany. When the present war came she flew from America to offer her services again.

HE'S CAUGHT A COLD — AFTER 25 YEARS

Sam Dobson, of Whitby, Yorks, has a cold. "So have I" you may say.

But Sam's cold is different. It's the first he's had for twenty-five years.

And it's a hundred-to-one he would not have one now had he not gone to live in a house.

For twenty-five years Sam has lived in a caravan wherever his work as a steam-roller driver has taken him.

Now he is pensioned and has gone to live in a house in Whitby. "It's not easy," he says. "And I had forgotten what it was like to have a cold."

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1495 b., \$1490/- 95 sa.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$490 b.

H.K. Fire Ins. \$171 b.

SHIPPING

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS

ETC.

H.K. Docks cum Rts. \$21 1/4 b., \$22

S.

H.K. Docks Ex. Rts. \$19.40 b.

Providents \$4.30 b., \$4 1/2 s.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$5.15 b., \$5.10 sa.

H.K. Lands \$36 1/2 b., \$36 1/2 sa.

H.K. Realties \$4.40 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17 1/4 b., \$17.85 sa.

China Lights (Old) \$7.95 b., \$8 sa.

H.K. Electrics \$65.40 b.

Macao Electrics \$21 1/4 b.

Telephones (Old) \$28.40 b.

Telephones (New) \$10 b.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$21 1/4 b.

Watsons \$9 1/4 b., \$9.30 sa.

Lane, Crawfords \$7 1/4 b.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6.80 b.

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700 Trams @ \$17.85

250 Lights (Old) @ \$8

500 Watsons @ \$9.30

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Antamoks Ps. .13 sa.

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Baguio Gold Ps. .20 b.

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Benguet Consol. Ps. .5.30 b.

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Coco Grove Ps. .08 1/4 b.

Consol. Mines Ps. .003 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. .09 1/2 sa.

East Mindanao Ps. .09 1/4 sa.

I.X.L. Ps. .32 b.

Ipo Gold Ps. .09 1/2 b.

Itogons Ps. .22 sa.

Masbates Ps. .09 b.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .09 1/2 sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .09 sa.

North Camarines Ps. .047 b.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .17 1/2 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. .86 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .18 1/2 b.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .13 sa.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .017 b.

United Paracales Ps. .23 1/2 sa.

PANAMA" IN H.K.

The Danish motorship Panama which was reported to have left Manila on Sunday for an "unknown destination" in disregard of orders to proceed to a British port, passed Waglan at 8 a.m. to-day and was in harbour half an hour later.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

London silver was quoted at 20 3/4 for spot and 20 11/16 for forward.

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AN ARCHBISHOP AND THE WAR

Those who are old enough to remember 1914 must often think of the stroke which in that year left European civilisation crippled and weak. The invalid has now had his second stroke, from which he may or may not partially recover.

I once asked Lord Haldane what was the real truth about the German war-guilt of which we were hearing so much. He said that the Germans ought to have known that they were driving Russia into a position from which no retreat was possible. That is to say, if they knew what they were doing they committed a crime if they did not know, they committed one of those blunders which are as bad as crimes.

It is now certain that neither the Kaiser nor Bethmann-Hollweg wished for war. From private information I know that in the spring of 1914 Wilhelm II. wrote to a friend in England that the army chiefs had taken everything out of his hands, and that he feared that Germany was heading either for war or revolution.

But I take it that the army chiefs did want war, and brought it about. They defended themselves by saying that a preventive war was necessary, because the French wished to recover their two provinces, and the Russian Government, threatened with revolution, was preparing for war as a gambler's throw. The Russian strategic railways would be ready in 1916, and then Germany would probably be attacked. In 1914 they were confident that they could knock out France in three months, and Russia within a year.

As for our share in that war, I know, again from private information, that Asquith said to his Cabinet: "If we stand out we shall not have a friend in the world, and there will soon be a coalition against us." I am told that another Minister said: "Yes, and the French will join it." This is how wars are made. They are made chiefly by fear.

lished by the French Government seem to show that the intentions of the Allies were known to him, and the "inspired" torrent of abuse and slander against England would have been pointless if his intentions had been friendly. I do not know what really happened.

As for our own attitude, I cannot do better than take as typical a new book by the Archbishop of York, called "Thoughts in War-time" (Macmillan). His Grace, after saying that war is a very dreadful thing, and very unchristian, tells us this particular war is righteous because no nation is safe while Hitler remains in power, and Hitler has broken his promises so often that nobody can believe a word he says. He thinks that "everybody" in this country will agree with him that this war is "an evident duty." "There is no one who believes that it can ever be right to engage in war, and yet holds that we should have held back now."

This is a rather astonishing state-

By
The Very Rev.
W. R. INGE, D.D.

ment; but heaven forbid that I should try to answer it now. The time has not come to appeal from Philip drunk to Philip sober. Poor Philip will awake with what the Germans call a schrecklick Katzenjammer. The war has killed the England that I have known and loved. I pray that Providence will release me before I see the ruin which must come upon us, through inflation and bankruptcy, whether we win the war or lose it.

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I will not remind our chivalrous friends, who are prepared to ride abroad rescuing distressed damsels in every part of the world, that they were eager to clasp the blood-stained hand of Stalin, who has murdered far more innocent people than Hitler. For I detest what they call Hitlerism as much as any of them.

But it would not be cured by hanging the neurotic Fuehrer on a gallows higher than Haman. Goering is an abler man than Hitler, and Hess is an abler man than Goering.

It is not a man that we are up against, nor is it, except incidentally, perfidy and cruelty, though these are consequences of fundamentally bad principles.

The root of all evil is the deification of the State, the doctrine that the State is above the laws of right and wrong. We may call it a perverted romanticism or a fanatical institutionalism or a false religion. As a false religion it is the worst enemy that Christianity has ever had to face, for religion is not in much danger from atheism—the enemy of true religion is false religion.

The saying, "My country right or wrong," which the Germans ascribe to us, comes from America, and it does not express our present state of mind. In fact we are almost the only nation that is capable of going to war for an idea. But we have had bad attacks of aggressive imperialism, as those who can remember fifty or sixty years ago well know. These romantic dreams pass away from a nation's mind long before it comes to "dominating the world by force." Germany will not always be willing to forget Goethe and to disown Heine.

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But I must take leave to remind the Archbishop that there is more than one kind of totalitarianism. What are we to say to such statements as "The Church is part of its own creed. To be in Christ is to be in the Church. The individual Christian is helpless except as a member of the Church. The Church is ground and object of faith?"

"The Church" is presumably the



Dicting Dot says there may be no time like the present to get started on setting-up exercises but it's hard to convince her weary limbs.

pure and reformed Church established in this kingdom," and perhaps other denominations which have the privilege of being governed by bishops; but substitute the State for the Church in these sentences, and have we not the pure milk of the Nazi creed?

St. Paul condemns Nazism root and branch by saying. "In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free," but we are not immune from the poison of sectarian institutionalism until we can add, "In Christ there is neither Catholic nor Protestant, Anglican nor Dissenter, Modernist nor Fundamentalist."

As for the words of Bishop Gore, quoted by the Archbishop with half approval, "If it were not for the miracles, I should see no more reason for supposing that God is revealed in Jesus Christ than that He is revealed in Nero," I think they are the most blasphemous remark I ever read. "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign."

I have been reading again the diary of my old friend Arthur Benson. In 1915 he writes: "More and more I feel that my mistake has been to philosophise about the war. I don't see widely enough or know enough. My only chance is to go on at my own business."

Perhaps I should do well to follow the advice which Arthur Benson gave to himself. But it is difficult to hold one's tongue when one feels very deeply, and there is plenty of pernicious and provocative talk on the other side.

T. G. TURNBULL PASSES

Mr. T. G. (Gus) Turnbull, who was attached to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Hong Kong Office, during 1914-1918, passed away at Montreal in his 59th year on March 11.

Mr. A. C. Jeffreys, of the Hong Kong Telephone Company, has reported that between 12.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. to-day, property valued at \$62 was stolen from his residence, No. 240, Prince Edward Road.

GIFT OF \$150,000 TO CHRISTIANSAND

To compensate for misfortunes resulting from his father's business failure, a noted construction engineer bequeathed \$150,000 to improve the cultural life of a bleak Norwegian fishing village.

The unusual bequest has been disclosed in Philadelphia in the will of the late Henrik von Zernikow-Loss, native of Norway, who lived in Philadelphia more than half a century but never became an American citizen. He passed on June 28, 1938 while on one of his annual visits to his homeland.

The will relates that during the engineer's childhood several citizens of Christiansand, his birth-place, suffered losses in the failure of his father's business. Mr. von Zernikow-Loss wrote that he would like to repay the losers or their descendants but had no way of knowing who they are or how much they lost.

So he directed that part of his estate be turned over to Christiansand "for the furtherance of the beautification of its public parks, its musical life, and art museum and a museum of cultural history."

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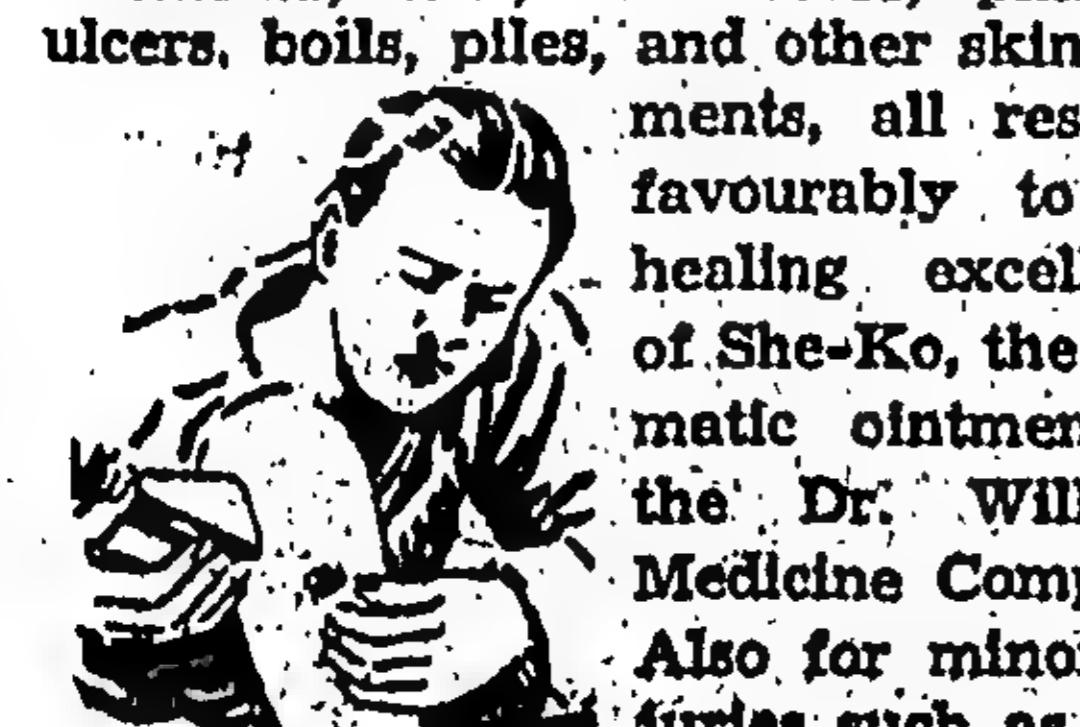
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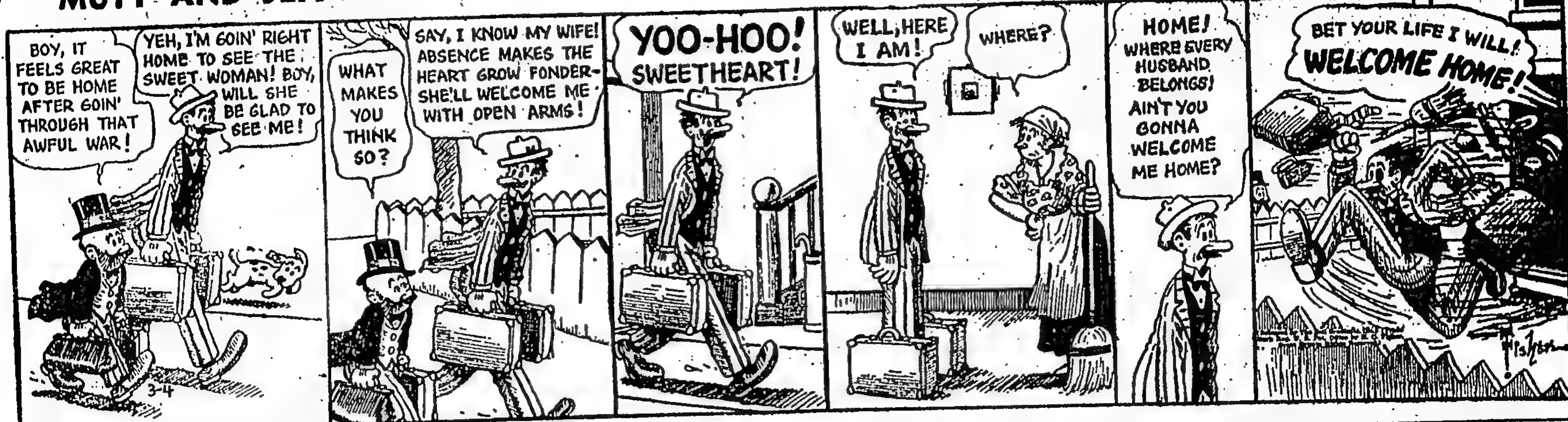
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7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—New Symphony Orchestra with Miliza Korjus (Soprano).
8.30 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections.
9.03 p.m.—Vocal Duets by Norah Blaney and Gwen Farrar.
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ADAMSON CUP

At Happy Valley, W. Stoker returned a card of 82-17=65 to qualify for the April qualifying competition of the Adamson Cup. Other scores (handicaps have been reduced by one stroke owing to the course having been shortened) were H. H. Mundy 74-7=67, E. Tuck 81-13=68; F. Buckle 80-11=69 and T. J. Price 78-8=70.

RECORDS BROKEN

"Tarzan Finds A Son" has established an all-time Box Office record in Hongkong.

Its success has been so overwhelming that it is being shown for two more days at the Queen's and Alhambra theatres.

Its release in Hong Kong has run true to form, for it has already created records in Shanghai, Singapore, Malaya, and Japan.

SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the Soccer programme for the week:

TO-DAY, APRIL 16, 1940

South China "B" v. Royal Navy (Caroline Hill, 5.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Beard.

Linesmen:—Jent and Wilson.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1940

First Division
Kwong Wah v. South China "A" (Boundary Road, 5.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Glover.

Linesmen:—Carley and Dove.

Second Division Runner-up. Play Off (2nd game)

Royal Engineers v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill, 3.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Hinchliffe.R. A. S. C. v. Electric (Caroline Hill, 5.00 p.m.)
Referee:—Banham.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1940

First Division
Royal Scot v. St. Joseph's (Club, 2.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Ford.

Linesmen:—Salter and Edwards.

Middlesex v. South China "B" (Club, 4.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Kosciuk.

Linesmen:—Baker and Banham.

Kwong Wah v. Kowloon (Boundary Road, 4.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Mitchell.

Linesmen:—Smith and Copéy.

South China "A" v. Club (Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Omar.

Linesmen:—Taylor and Barreto.

Electric v. International (Caroline Hill, 2.45 p.m.)
Referee:—Demme.H.K.E.R.C. LAWN
BOWLS TEAM

Following will represent Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in a friendly lawn bowls match against Indian Recreation Club at Soekunpoo on Saturday:

W. E. Baker, W. E. Macfarlane, H. S. McKay and A. F. Paul (skip); A. P. Tarbuck, R. A. Owens, C. E. Ganagan and W. B. Muskett (skip); R. C. Butler, V. Sorby, G. G. S. Thomson and G. T. Padgett (skip). Practice will start at Hong Kong Electric on Saturday, April 27.

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♦ J 8 7 6 4
♦ 8 5 2

W E S

♦ Q 7 4 3
♦ K 8 2
♦ 9 5
♦ A K 9 4

Judge Del Mar

The bidding:
North East South West
10 Pass 2NT Pass
BNT Pass Pass Pass

"West opened the six of diamonds. I played low from dummy, East won with the King and shifted to the Jack of spades. I ducked, West won with the King, cashed the Ace and then played a second diamond. Winning with dummy's Queen, I also cashed the diamond Ace and discarded a heart, then ran off four club tricks, landing in my

hand. I next cashed the Queen of spades, forcing West to let go of a heart, and then threw the last diamond from dummy.

"East had also been squeezed as he had to keep two spades and therefore could hold but two hearts. The remaining hearts then all dropped. I had actually executed two ducking plays and a double squeeze in the same hand."

Judge Del Mar is unduly modest.

for his play was actually superb. On the other hand, the defence was weak. Suppose, for example, that on the first trick East had had the courage to play the diamond ten. Declarer would then have had no way of knowing that East still had the diamond King and thus might very well have dismissed the Queen. With East winning two tricks in diamonds, the situation would be changed and we would not be at all surprised if, instead of making four notrump, South would wind up by being set at three.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♦ 10 x

♦ K J x x

♦ A 10 x x

♦ A J x

The bidding:

Jacoby You Burnstone Schenken

1♦ Dbl. 3♦ Pass Pass

2♦ Pass Pass Pass

What was your correct lead?

ANSWER: Lead a trump. This is your only safe lead. Furthermore, by leading trumps twice, you will reduce dummy's ruffing power.

Score 100% for a trump, 50% for diamond Ace, 80% for a low heart, 0 for a club.

QUESTION NO. 385

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner. Neither side is vulnerable and you hold:

♦ A x

♦ K J x x

♦ 10 x

♦ 10 x

The bidding:

You Maier Burnstone Jacoby

Pass Pass Pass

Pass 2♦ Pass Pass

Pass 3♦ Pass Pass

(1)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SOFTBALL NOTES

PORTUGAL HOLD OWN UNTIL LAST INNING

“DING-DONG” LOPES PROVIDES DRAMATIC FINISH

(By “GRANDSTAND”)

THE INDIA-GREAT BRITAIN tilt, which was expected to be the game of the day, proved a disappointment, the Indians swamping the Britishers by the decisive score of 10-1.

Fans, however, had their 50 cents' worth of thrills and excitement in the curtain raiser, when the Portuguese femmes held their own, blanking the Chinese cuties 2-0 for six innings, but being unfortunate to drop the encounter in the last frame. A four-run rally in the seventh gave the Chung Hwa girls well earned 4-2 victory.

Portugal's first run came in the initial canto. Celeste Marques, lead-off batter, beat a bunt to be safe at first base but, in trying to pilfer second, a perfect throw by catcher Dot Louie to shortstop May Chung nailed Celeste at the mid station for the first out.

Therese Noronha worked Mary Louie for free transportation to the first station and managed to steal both second and third. Irene Pereira sacrificed a roller to the short-stop for the second out, and Therese scored on the play. Margaret Oliveira popped to first sacker Lily Mar to end the stanza. The Portuguese were blanked in the next three innings.

PERFECT BUNT

In the fifth they added their second run when Cynthia “Sailor” Motta laid a perfect bunt to reach first safely, and was fortunate to steal second and third bases on the next two plays. Lelia Xavier fanned the breeze for the first erasure, and Thelma Motta flied to first base for the second out. Thelma Collaco smacked a sizzling single to left field to chase Cynthia Motta to the counting station.

In the last inning, with the score 2-0 in favour of the Portuguese girls, their supporters were all up in the air shouting to their representatives to hold the Chinese Cuties down.

The Chinese section of the grandstand, however, were shouting for action from their team and, with all the determination they could muster, the Chinese gals came to bat in that fateful seventh inning determined to snatch victory from behind and to hang on to the much coveted Molten Cup.

Gloria dumped a perfect one to place her on first, and stole second a minute late. A stinging single to left field by Mary Louie scored Gloria. Mabel Louie followed with a triple that went over leftfielder Therese Noronha's head to chase in sister Mary for the tieing tally. Dot Louie was safe at first on Thelma Collaco's fumble and Mabel Louie counted on the bobble. Ulian Khoo singled and May Chung sacrificed to the pitcher for the first out and to advance Ulian. Jean Lee reached first on a wild throw by third sacker Celeste Marques and Dot Louie scored on the error for the fourth marker.

PUNY EFFORT

Portugal's puny effort in the last of the last started with Cynthia Motta's weak pop to Lily Mar. Ding-Dong Lopes, who went to pinch hit for Lelia Xavier, received a life on flinger Mary Louie's mésacé and advanced to second. Hilda Soares, another Pinch hitter, presented arms for the second out. Waiting for the next batter to come up to the plate, with the pitcher and catcher in position, Ding sped to the hot corner when she thought she had caught the Chinese battery fast asleep. But Dave “Whisky water” Walker, who was wide awake umpsiring at third, put a dramatic halt to the game by calling Ding Lopes out.

With plenty of support from her

NAZARIN'S THIRD VICTORY

(By “GRANDSTAND”)

Pitching his third straight victory in the Men's International Series, Kassa Nazarin limited the British Lions to three scratch hits to enable India to win Jimmy King's International Shield for the first time; taking it from China who had retained the trophy for the last two seasons.

India downed Britain 10-1 in a disappointing fracas in which disgruntled fans drifted away after the third frame when the Indians had scored their 10 markers.

Willie Sprinkle, second baseman for Great Britain, opened the session with the only tally, thereby spoiling India's chance for a shutout.

He strolled to first, pilfered second and reached third on a wild-pitch by Nazarin, and crossed the counting station on Stanley Leonard's sizzling grass-cutter which almost tore Nazarin's leg off.

Great Britain's downfall came in the second stanza when India's devastating merry-go-round netted them no fewer than six counts which apparently demoralised the roaring Lions, who, from then on, faded away in lamb-like fashion. These six runs came in on only two safeties, three Annie Oakleys, a wild pitch, a passed ball and a wild throw by Crary.

Four more Indians dented the counting station in the next canto, when Crary was found for five blows and two British errors to salt the game away.

Denham Crary found his stride on the rubber in the fourth inning to blank the Indians in the remaining four innings, allowing only two hits, but the damage was already done.

Due credit must be given to Kassa Nazarin for holding the British Powerhouses in check, notably Dave Leonard, who was unable to make a hit off Kassa in three times up. One bingle each by Stan Leonard, Denham Crary and Joe Higgins were the only three blows Nazarin yielded.

Denham Crary was erratic for the first three innings but went great guns with nine strike-outs and four walks.

R. H. E.
India 0 6 4 0 0 0 0 10 10 1
Britain 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 4

mates for six stanzas, Thelma Collaco twirled a brilliant game for Portugal, whiffing two and walking one, and was nicked for nine blows, four of which came in the last inning. Mary Louie allowed only three bingles, struck out five and passed two.

The Portuguese damsels surpassed their past performances bungling only three chances to the Chinese...two.

Mabel Louie topped the batting list with three hits in three trips to the plate.

R. H. E.
China 0 0 0 0 0 4 4 9
Portugal 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 3

LEAGUE CLOSING DATE EXTENDED

It is notified that the closing date for entries to the Hong Kong Tennis League has been extended until Monday, April 22. As no entries can be accepted after that date club secretaries are requested to send in their entries as soon as possible.

BASEBALL

NEW LIFE FOR C. B. C.: MINDANAO “FINDS”

(By “GRANDSTAND”)

With baseball in the offing interest has been heightened by the return of the old Maestro, the one and only Abe Liu, from the sun-kissed beaches of his native Hawaii. The slump in which the Chinese Baseball Club found themselves last summer has been dispelled and their morale strengthened by Abe's presence.

Mentor Abe has called the first practice to-day at four P.M. on the Murray Parade ground. Practice will continue every Tuesday and Thursday, thereafter.

Abe has brought back a few wrinkles which he has learned in the Paradise of the Pacific and the local yokels may expect to see some thrilling strategy this summer when he opens up his bag of tricks.

According to Poochie Chase, Mindanao's brilliant second sacker, the gunboat will have a few new faces out at Caroline Hill, notably in a new find in the hind snatching berth. Paints Thomas, the regular back stop, will be seen in action in their flashy million-dollar infield, and it is to be hoped that this new catcher has the same stuff as first stringer Paints, who is rated to be the best catcher on these scented shores since the departure of Dago Costello.

New equipment will also be the order of the day for the blue-jackets and their monkey suits are similar to those of the professional Leagues in the States. Mindanao's ball squad are rarin' to go, and they all know what will be awaiting them on the second deck if they finish the season with the pennant!

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, To-day. The following were the results of football matches played yesterday.

Cup Replays

Walsall 6 Port Vale 0

Rotherham 1 Doncaster 0

(after extra time)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (Eastern Section)

St. Bernards 0 Hearts 2

Reuter.

YACHTING

The following were the results of a ladies' sweepstakes race held yesterday by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club over 6.05 miles:

Finished Pos.

La Linda 4.19.41 1
(Mrs. M. I. Johnstone).

True Blue 4.20.14 2
(Mrs. H. Crayhall-Wilson).

Gull 4.21.47 3
(Miss G. D. Adams).

Joss 4.23.41 4
(Mrs. M. A. Neve).

Mrs. Starbuck, who played so well for the Champions (“Y” Ladies) against The Heat last Saturday, is proceeding on Home leave very shortly. She will be accompanied by her husband, Mr. Leonard Starbuck.

TENNIS

LEONARD'S LATE RALLY

(By “ADREM”)

Except for a period in the second set, J. W. Leonard, of Craigengower, was never in the picture against S. A. Rumjahn, a former champion, in the quarter-final of the Colony singles tennis tournament played yesterday at Hong Kong Cricket Club. Rumjahn won 6-1, 7-5.

On a damp court very susceptible to spin, Leonard was quite unable to gain control of his strokes, being particularly weak on the backhand. Result was Rumjahn, who maintained a constant attack off the ground and rarely made a mistake at the net, took the first set for the loss of only the fourth game.

The second set appeared likely to go the same way. Leonard improved little and Rumjahn kept pounding his backhand to take points almost at will. When he was leading 5-0, however, Rumjahn, probably unconsciously, slackened and Leonard then started a fine rally which took him to 4-5. At this stage Leonard concentrated everything on Rumjahn's forehand, on which the I.R.C. player usually hit a straightforward ball with none of the slice that had worried Leonard hitherto.

Leonard also found a better length with his drives and he was full value for his four successive game.

Rumjahn exerted himself in the 10th. game and went out for set and match.

PAGH IN FINAL

As expected, the hard-hitting M. Pagh proved too good for D. M. MacDougall in the semi-final of the Club championship and won by 6-1, 7-5. He will now meet B. C. Fay in the final on Thursday.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

The following is to-day's Tennis programme at Hong Kong Cricket Club:

Open Singles

Tsui Yam-pui v Tennis Kwok (Stand Court).

Handicap Doubles

V. R. Gordon and H. J. Armstrong (—15) or R. K. Valentine and L. M. S. Lloyd (—3/6) v N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert (scratch) or R. C. Beavan and A. K. MacKenzie (—1/6) (2).

A. Lade and G. W. Sewell (—5/6) or W. G. Harvey and A. H. Barwell (scratch) v C. D. N. Walker and E. L. Taverner (scratch) (3).

Mixed Doubles Handicap

T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15) v Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ferguson (—5/6).

Records Topple At Wah Yan Sports

The Annual Athletic Sports of Wah Yan College were held at Caroline Hill yesterday when five field and three track records were broken. The inter-school High Jump record of 5ft. 7 1/2 ins. was equalled by Fong Chi-hung.

YAUMATI SCHOOL SPORTS

The annual athletic sports of Yau-mati School will be held on Friday on the Central British School ground, commencing at 12.30 p.m. The prizes will be presented by Mrs. G. P. de Martin.

ARMY BOXING CANCELLED

The Army Individual and Boys' boxing tournament which was scheduled to take place to-night, to-morrow and Thursday, has been cancelled owing to insufficient entries.

Brown's Late Goal Gives 24th. Battery Artillery Cup BULPIN AND TAYLOR PLAY WELL

A GOAL LATE IN THE second half by Brown, late of 30th R.A., enabled 24th Battery to beat 30th R.A. in the Final of the Artillery Football Cup competition at Sookunpoo yesterday.

The game was very evenly contested and was packed with exciting moments when both goals were narrowly missed.

The defences of both sides were good, particularly the full backs. Bulpin and Taylor, for the winners, were safe kickers while Hall at left back for 30th R.A. was very prominent in the second half with his positioning and tackling.

Guy was a great asset in the 30th defence where his height came in very useful. The 24th forwards found him a great obstacle and he always had the centre well covered. He tried in the second half to assist his forwards more and left the centre more open which indirectly led to the goal.

NEAT MOVEMENTS

Round, Webber and Flanders were seen in some neat movements and all missed when well placed. Haplin, on the right wing, did not play up to his usual form but he sent over one good centre which should have been converted, when Ward, with an open goal, missed.

In goal Woolfin brought off some good saves in the first half but in the second period he was not troubled to a very great extent.

For 24th, R.A., Minshull, in goal, saved a beauty, before the winning goal was scored, which might have made all the difference to the result, and on the whole was safe with his handling.

Hill and Roberts, the wing halves,

assisted Twydale well in the defence but their feeding was not at its best. They resorted too much to high clearing while ground passes might have helped their forwards better.

Marshall and Sumner, on the right wing were good, the latter playing a very useful game. Brown and Atkins in the inside positions were dangerous when in possession.

PLAY EVEN

Play was very even and 30th. R.A. did most of the attacking at the start, good defensive work by Bulpin and Taylor keeping them

out. At the other end 24th went very near on two occasions.

In the second half both goals had narrow escapes and shortly before time Brown broke through the centre and netted.

The cup was presented to the winning team by Brigadier MacLeod, C.R.A.

24th R.A.—Minshull; Bulpin and Taylor; Hill, Twydale and Roberts; Marshall, Sumner, Brown, Atkins and Dainty.

30 R.A.—Woolfin; Hall and Todd; Tuckley; Guy and Parks; Halpin, Round, Webber, Flanders and Ward.

BADMINTON

WYNTER-BLYTH AND FLETCHER PLAY WELL

(By "ADREM")

LAST NIGHT'S "B" Division badminton League match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Kowloon Tong, played at K.C.C., proved to be a very keen affair which was not decided until the final game of the evening.

No championships were at stake but both teams are about on a level near the bottom of the table and consequently there was quite a bit of rivalry.

Kowloon Tong were rather fortunate to win by the odd game as Fletcher and Mackay, who won all three games, were on the wrong end of long leads against Fisher and Wynter-Blyth and J. L. Anderson and Jones, and only just managed to win on both occasions.

Wynter-Blyth was the best player on view last night, using a powerful smash and brilliant cross-drops from the baseline to score most of his points. Fisher gave him every support, recovering well and also smashing decisively.

Anderson gave a great display in partnership with Jones and his speed about court and hard hitting proved most difficult to counter. His greatest fault, however, was his penchant for poaching which gave Jones, who was fairly steady, little chance of really settling down.

FLETCHER OUTSTANDING

Fletcher was the outstanding player for the visiting team and his smashing was mainly responsible for the success achieved by Mackay and himself. Mackay, apart from a steady service, was erratic.

Both Ko and Richard Lee, erstwhile Kowloon Tong first string, gave the impression of being right out of practice but Castro and Chan did very well under the circumstances and it was their fine effort in the final game of the evening against Kevan and Madar which gave Kowloon Tong victory.

J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)
beat R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko 21-16
lost to N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher 21-23
beat A. E. H. Castro and A. Chan 21-8
T. Kevan and T. A. Madar (K.C.C.)
lost to Lee and Ko 13-21
lost to Mackay and Fletcher 10-21
lost to Castro and Chan 8-21
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)
beat Lee and Ko 21-7
lost to Mackay and Fletcher 18-21
beat Castro and Chan 21-3

BIG WIN

St. John's beat St. Teresa's by 3-1 in "B" Division of the Badminton League last night. H. Eardley and R. Beavan (St. John's) beat Peter Lo and J. Tsang 21-18
beat L. T. Yong and A. Ulrich 21-12
beat A. Ho and J. Lum 21-18
F. and B. Kwok (St. John's) beat Lo and Tsang 21-18
beat Yong and Ulrich 21-18
beat Ho and Lum 21-18
N. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's) beat Lo and Tsang 2-24
lost to Yong and Ulrich 15-21
beat Ho and Lum 2-17

St. Andrew's Ladies have given "V" ladies a walk-over in the Brown Cup ladies' hockey competition.

The Jewish Club will meet Kowloon Cricket Club in a badminton match this evening.

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BITTER FIGHT LOOMING IN SHANGHAI AGAIN

Shanghai, To-day.

A BITTER FIGHT LOOMS at the annual ratepayers meeting to-morrow as the Japanese indicate they will strongly oppose the Municipal 1940 Budget which includes a 50 per cent. tax increase.

A closer contest than last week's elections is forecast.

The fact that individual voters are entitled to one vote only, worries the British and American election committees, as it is believed the Japanese have slightly more individual ratepayers than the American and British combined, although less than the entire European ratepaying population in the Settlement.

The British, American and Japanese election committees are trying to get their ratepayers to turn out 100 per cent.

DISSENSION REPORT

The American committee endorsed the proposed Municipal budget and issued a plea to all Americans to be present.

The Japanese ratepayers meet tonight at the Japanese Club to consider measures.

The British Consul-General has sent a personally signed appeal to every British ratepayer to attend to-morrow's meeting, which will discuss questions important to the entire British community.

The Japanese press say serious dissension is expected to split the

ratepayers meeting into two camps. The Japanese ratepayers meeting will probably decide whether to continue the Japanese struggle with the Council by turning it into political channels. — Reuter.

NORWEGIANS HELD AS HOSTAGES BY NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The German authorities in Oslo have seized 300 political, industrial and intellectual personalities as hostages. They will be held responsible for any "serious acts of sabotage." — Hayas.

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though they do not believe Germany would think of doing so since she is doubtless anxious not to antagonise the United States.

Nor do they believe there would be any likelihood of Britain taking control of these possessions for the same reason. — Reuter.

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Rome, To-day.

According to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Stefani news agency the British landed at seven points in northern Norway, including Narvik and Tromsø.

The Stockholm radio says the Germans are attacking the fortress of Hegra, 20 miles east of Trondheim. The report says the German troops were brought by rail, the Norwegians having blocked the roads with fallen trees. — Reuter.

An accusation that Kenneth Duncan Bruce, 24, naval rating, was under the influence of liquor when he drove a car in Hennessy Road and knocked down and killed a Chinese, was part of the Crown's case disclosed at the Central Magistracy this afternoon when Bruce faced a charge of manslaughter.

Crown Counsel, Mr. E. H. Williams, stated that accused had drinks at the Shatin Club on the afternoon of April 3. Later in the evening he had more drinks when he joined parties at the Repulse Bay Lido and a Chinese restaurant.

On his way from West Point where a restaurant owner refused to serve him any liquor, Bruce crashed into the side of a rickshaw and tore part of the vehicle off. He did not stop.

After having drinks at a Chinese restaurant in Wanchai, he left at 1.50 a.m. on April 4, and while driving in Hennessy Road knocked down and killed a Chinese.

Accused after the accident, drove on but was later traced when he reported the accident to the Police.

The case is proceeding.

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